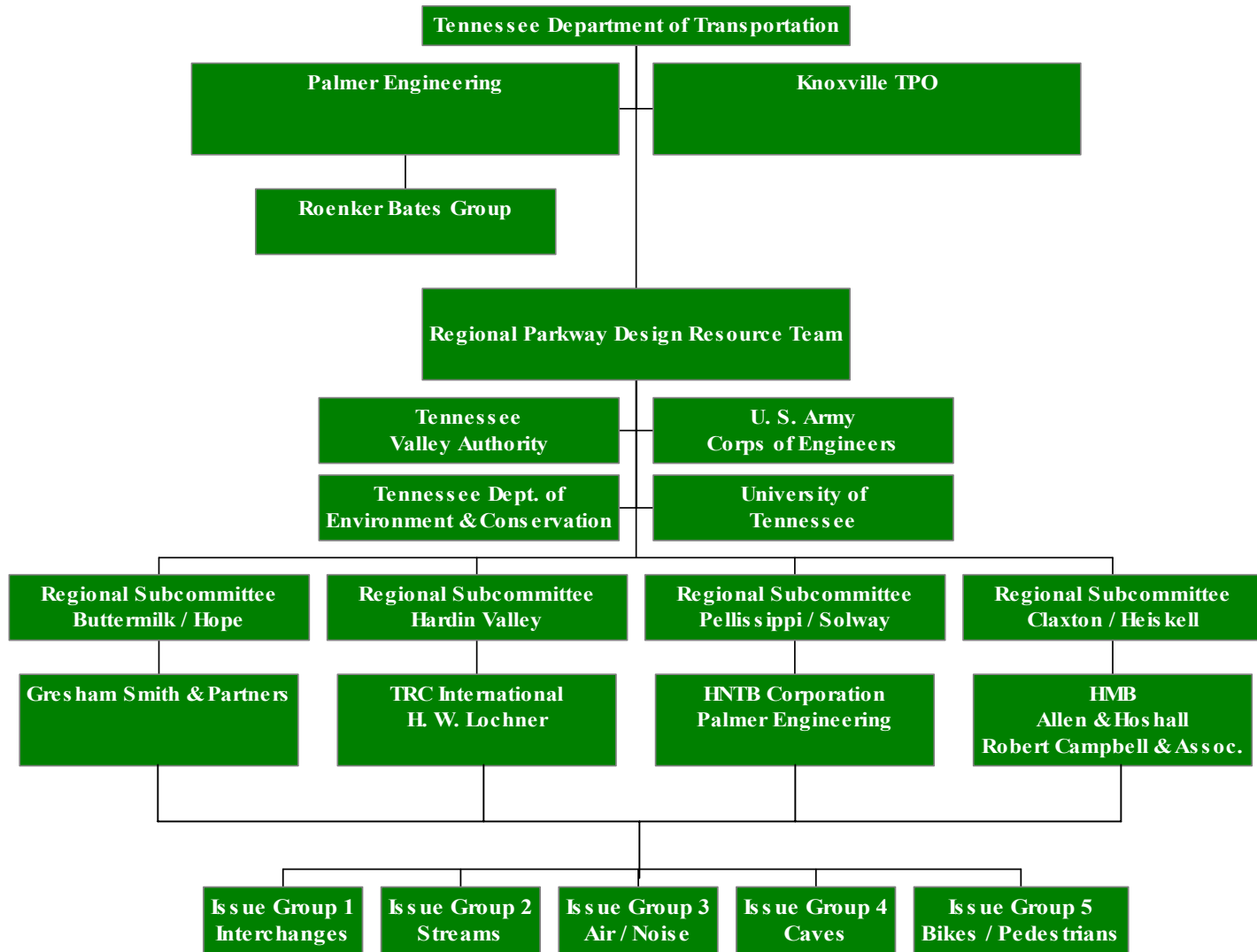


Knoxville Parkway Organizational Structure



**Public Involvement Plan for Knoxville
Parkway Context Sensitive Solutions
Loudon/Knox/Anderson Counties
Palmer Engineering Company
July 13, 2004**

I. Public Input Structure

Based on input from the Regional Parkway Design Resource Team (RPDRT) at the May 24, 2004 Resource Team Meeting, Regional Subcommittees will be formed to focus on specific sections of the project. These Regional Subcommittees will meet separately from the RPDRT and will provide input back to the RPDRT through RPDRT members sitting on the subcommittees. The Regional Subcommittees will make recommendations that will be taken to the RPDRT for a final recommendation to TDOT.

The RPDRT also desires to establish Issue Groups to analyze specific design, environmental, and community issues. These Issue Groups will be made up of members of both the RPDRT and the Regional Subcommittees. The Issue Groups will be lead by subject matter experts and the members of the Issue Groups will provide input back to the Regional Subcommittees concerning the Issue Groups ideas for how to best deal with that particular issue.

Input will also be gathered from the general public through the use of Public Workshops. Members of the RPDRT and Regional Subcommittees will attend as many of the Public Workshops as practical to get a feel for the issues in those sections.

II. Project Sections for Public Involvement

Based on input from the Resource Team, the total project could be split into four identifiable and separate sections for focused decision making as follows:

- Focus Section 1 – Buttermilk / Hope Creek Section (Design Section 1)
- Focus Section 2 – Hardin Valley Section (Design Sections 2 & 3)
- Focus Section 3 – Pellissippi / Solway /Karns Section (Design Sections 4 & 5)
- Focus Section 4 – Powell / Claxton / Heiskell Section (Design Sections 6, 7 & 8)

Along with the Regional Subcommittee Meetings, the Public Workshops will also be held based on these Focus Sections to reduce the size of the group targeted.

III. Project Committees and Groups

A. Regional Parkway Design Resource Team (RPDRT)

1. **Team Composition** – 19 members as appointed by the Knoxville TPO
2. **Purpose** – to oversee all project recommendations and ensure consistency among all subcommittees and issue groups.

3. **Meeting Frequency** – Approximately 10-12 meetings throughout the project time frame.
4. **Location** – Knoxville
5. **Personnel** – TDOT Family Team, Palmer Engineering, Gary Bates, TDEC, USACE, TVA, Knoxville TPO

B. Regional Subcommittees (4)

1. **Subcommittee Composition** – eight to ten members consisting of three to four RPDRT members and five to six local representatives from the area. Applications for membership will be provided at the initial Public Workshops and through the project web site. All applications received within 15 calendar days after the workshop will be reviewed and the local representatives will be selected by the three to four RPDRT members serving on that Regional Subcommittee.
2. **Purpose** – to focus discussion on the design and environmental issues in the regional section they represent and ultimately make recommendations to the RPDRT.
3. **Frequency** – three meetings
 - i. **Initial Meeting (Sept. 2004)** – discuss regional issues, brainstorm possible regional solutions, determine issue group participation
 - ii. **Second Meeting (Jan. 2005)** – look at potential alternatives developed by design consultants, narrow alternatives down for second Public Workshop, prepare for second Public Workshop
 - iii. **Final Meeting (July 2005)** – discuss results of second Public Workshop, present decision matrix, develop consensus of best possible solution, make recommendation to RPDRT.
4. **Location** – Knoxville, possibly in regional locations
5. **Personnel** – TDOT Design Managers and other TDOT as appropriate, Palmer Engineering, Section Design Consultants

C. Issue Groups

1. **Group Composition** – six to ten members made up of members from both the RPDRT and Regional Subcommittees. Members will volunteer for these Issue Groups.
2. **Purpose** – to make recommendations to the Regional Subcommittees about how to deal with their specific issue throughout the project for consistency. These groups will delve more into the details of the particular issue.
3. **Frequency** – three meetings
 - i. **Initial Meeting (Oct. 2004)** - informational presentation followed by discussion of the issue and what the Issue Group needs to determine regarding that issue.
 - ii. **Second Meeting (Dec. 2004)** - review findings since first meeting and provide guidelines to designers for alternative development.

- iii. **Final Meeting (June 2005)** – rank alternatives based on how they perform regarding that issue in each regional section. These rankings will be used by the Regional Subcommittees in making recommendations on to the RPDRT.
- iv. **Further or Intermediate Meetings may be necessary for some Issue Groups**
- 4. **Location** – Knoxville
- 5. **Issue Groups**
 - i. **Interchanges/Access**
 - 1. **Personnel** – **TDOT Mapping and Statistics, David Lindeman/Steve Sewell, Mike Agnew**
 - ii. **Streams/Water Quality**
 - 1. **Personnel** – **TDOT Environmental and Permitting, Todd Kemp, Parsons Transportation Group**
 - iii. **Air Quality/Noise Impacts**
 - 1. **Personnel** – **TDOT Environmental, Eric Fischer, Parsons Transportation Group**
 - iv. **Caves/Karst Topography**
 - 1. **Personnel** – **Harry Moore, Brian Lee,**
 - v. **Alternative Modes of Transportation**
 - 1. **Personnel** – **David Utley, Bob Kennedy,**

D. Informational Presentation Fairs

- 1. **Meeting Composition** – voluntary for RPDRT and Regional Subcommittee members.
- 2. **Purpose** – to provide information on a variety of topics as desired by the committee members.
- 3. **Frequency** – several half-hour to one-hour presentations will be made throughout one day with members provided an agenda in advance to determine which they would like to attend. If additional topics are requested during the process, a second Presentation Fair day could be added.
- 4. **Location** – Knoxville, possibly Region I auditorium
- 5. **Subjects** –
 - i. Scenic/Parkway Design
 - ii. Archeology
 - iii. Land Use Planning/Zoning
 - iv. Wildlife
 - v. Conservation Easements
 - vi. Highway Lighting
 - vii. Others?

E. Public Workshops

1. **Meeting Composition** – RPDRT and Regional Subcommittee members as available
2. **Purpose**
 - i. **RPDRT Open House** – present project history, describe the context sensitive design process, gather information on potential impacts and the public's desires, provide information on the web site and how to contact the project team
 - ii. **Second Workshop** – present possible design alternatives, gather input on desirability of possible solutions or possible revisions desired
 - iii. **Final Workshop** – present the RPDRT recommendations of proposed solutions both for alignment location and possible context sensitive solutions, attempt to gain validation of the RPDRT recommendations
3. **Frequency** – three meetings during process with meetings split into four focus sections
4. **Location** – within each community as much as possible

F. Public Hearing

1. **Meeting Composition** – same as for the workshops
2. **Purpose** – to present the supplemental EIS and the selected design
3. **Frequency** – once, following approval of the supplemental EIS with meetings in each Focus Section
4. **Location** – within each community as much as possible

IV. Project Timeline

June 28, 2004 – RPDRT Meeting No. 5 – Traffic and CSS Example

August 9, 2004 – RPDRT Meeting No. 6 – Purpose & Need, Design Parameters

Aug. 2004 – Public Workshops No. 1 – Four Locations

Aug. 2004 – RPDRT Meeting No. 7 – Develop Subcommittees

Sept. 2004 – Regional Subcommittee Meetings No. 1 – Four Locations

Oct. 2004 – Issue Group Meetings No. 1 – One Location

Oct. 2004 – RPDRT Meeting No. 8 – Review Issue Group Discussions

Nov. 2004 – Informational Seminar Fair

Dec. 2004 – Issue Groups Meeting No. 2 – One Location

Jan. 2005 – Regional Subcommittees Meeting No. 2 – Four Locations

Feb. 2005 – RPDRT Meeting No. 9 – Reduce Alternatives

Mar. 2005 – Public Workshops No. 2 – Four Locations

June 2005 – Issue Group Meetings No. 3 – One Location – Rank Alternatives

**July 2005 – Regional Subcommittee Meeting No. 3 – Four Locations –
Recommend Alternative**

Aug. 2005 – RPDRT Meeting No. 10 – Recommend Alternative

Sept. 2005 – Public Workshops No. 3 – Four Locations

**Oct. 2005 – RPDRT Meeting No. 11 – Review Public Input, Finalize
Recommendation**

Oct. 2005 – Begin Final Aesthetic Treatments/Enhancements Committee Work

